

Questions and Answers on seminars in Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Shanghai

Q1. Is a battery-driven appliance covered by PSE?

A1. No. PSE covers appliances with AC circuit the rated voltage of which is in the range 100V-300V.

Q2. Which standard is applied for 3 items of polyolefin cables and cords which are added to diamond PSE recently?

A2. The technical requirements Ordinance 1 of “the Electrical appliances and Material Safety Law” are applied. Details are available only in Japanese currently at the following address on JET’s website.

http://www.s-jet.com/data/new/dl/20070522_kaisei.pdf

Q3. Is a diamond PSE mark necessary for components built in a circular PSE product (in case the component itself is covered by diamond PSE)?

A3. It is not necessary. The product is to be examined as a whole (appropriateness of components is to be confirmed by components test according to technical standards). However, we recommend such components with diamond PSE mark, since components test can be skipped for ones with the mark in principle.

Q4. If the product is approved for S-JET mark, can it be marked with circular PSE?

A4. Yes it can (if the product is covered by circular PSE). The appliance’s conformity to technical requirements is confirmed if it is approved for S-JET mark. However, it is an importer that has the right and legal obligation to affix circular PSE marking.

Q5. Are a power supply cord and an attachment plug to be marked diamond PSE if they are used for a laptop computer, which is not covered by PSE?

A5. If a power supply cord is not detachable (directly attached to the main body), neither a cord nor an attachment plug are regulated by the Electrical Appliances and Material Safety Law, since the main product is not covered by PSE, though a power supply cord and an attachment plug themselves are covered. However, they must be marked diamond PSE if AC/DC adaptor and a cord set (attachment plug, power supply cord and connector) are detachable and the product is used in the range of input voltage AC100V – 300V.

Q6. Is warning notice necessary on the guard for blades of electric fan?

A6. Warning notice is required to be indicated on easily-viewable places either “on the front and back sides of blades” (the most prevailing way in Japan) or “on the guard”.

Q7. How to get certification for power supply cords, plugs and connectors?

A7. They must be certified separately for diamond PSE, respectively as “Cables and Cords (subdivided into several types)”, “Attachment plugs” and “Cord connector bodies/ Appliance connectors” under the Electrical Appliances and Material Safety Law. Under this law, we do not have a collective item such as “a cord set”, which is common in European countries, where regulations are based on IEC standards.

Q8. If an applicant does not have any factories and the product (covered by diamond PSE) is manufactured by several factories as OEM, is each factory to have diamond PSE certificate?

A8. It is a manufacturer that is to apply diamond PSE (so if one does not have any factories, it can not be a diamond PSE applicant.) If the same product is manufactured by several factories simultaneously, each factory must have its diamond PSE certificate.

Q9. If a company designed diamond PSE-covered product and entrusted Chinese factory with manufacturing (and the product is duly certified), can this company hold diamond PSE certificate?

A9. In such a case, the holder of diamond PSE certificate must be Chinese factory which manufactures the product; the designing company which is another legal entity can not be a certificate holder.

Q10. Is it possible to export a circular-PSE covered product, manufactured at one factory and having one test report, through several Japanese importers to Japan?

A10. If the result of test report conforms to technical requirements, the manufacturer can export the product to Japan through several Japanese importers. The test records must be kept and legal obligations must be met, such as indicating the name of each importer on the product.

Q11. If it is not yet decided who will be the importer in Japan, diamond PSE and/or S-JET mark can be applied?

A11. It can be applied. After the product is certified by a Certification Body, such as JET, the manufacturer must provide a duplicate copy (issued by the Certification Body) of the Certificate for Japanese importer (in case of diamond PSE).

Q12. Is diamond PSE to be applied for the export of components to Japan?

A12. If the component itself is covered by diamond PSE and to be sold in Japanese market as a component alone, diamond PSE must be applied and the components must be certified. If components will be built in the complete product, diamond PSE mark is not needed for components. (If the complete product is covered by diamond PSE, its components are to be tested just “as components built in the complete products”).

Q13. What is “ST”?

A13. ST means Safety Toy, a logo mark for a system administered by the Japan toy association (<http://www.toys.or.jp/english.htm>).

In order to be qualified to mark ST, toys must pass tests on mechanical and physical properties, combustibility and chemical properties, such as hazardous substance content in their plastic material.

Q14. How does the coverage of S-JET differ from that of circular PSE?

A14. Circular PSE covers particular 338 items, while S-JET certification covers all electrical appliances including ones for circular (and diamond) PSE.